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DURING A BATTLE ON HIS HOME PLANET, AN EXPLOSION HURLED SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, HIS FRIENDS, AND THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN ACROSS DIMENSIONS TO THE CITY OF STATION SQUARE ON PLANET EARTH.

NOW SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS PROTECT EARTH FROM DR. EGGMAN'S MACHIAVELLIAN MISDEEDS...



GOOD LUCK, SONIC. WE'LL MEET YOU BACK ON THE MAIN DECK OF THE SHIP ONCE YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR MISSION.

WHAT'S THIS? SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SCUBA DIVING? BUT SONIC HATES WATER! WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE LED TO THIS ASTONISHING TURN OF EVENTS?

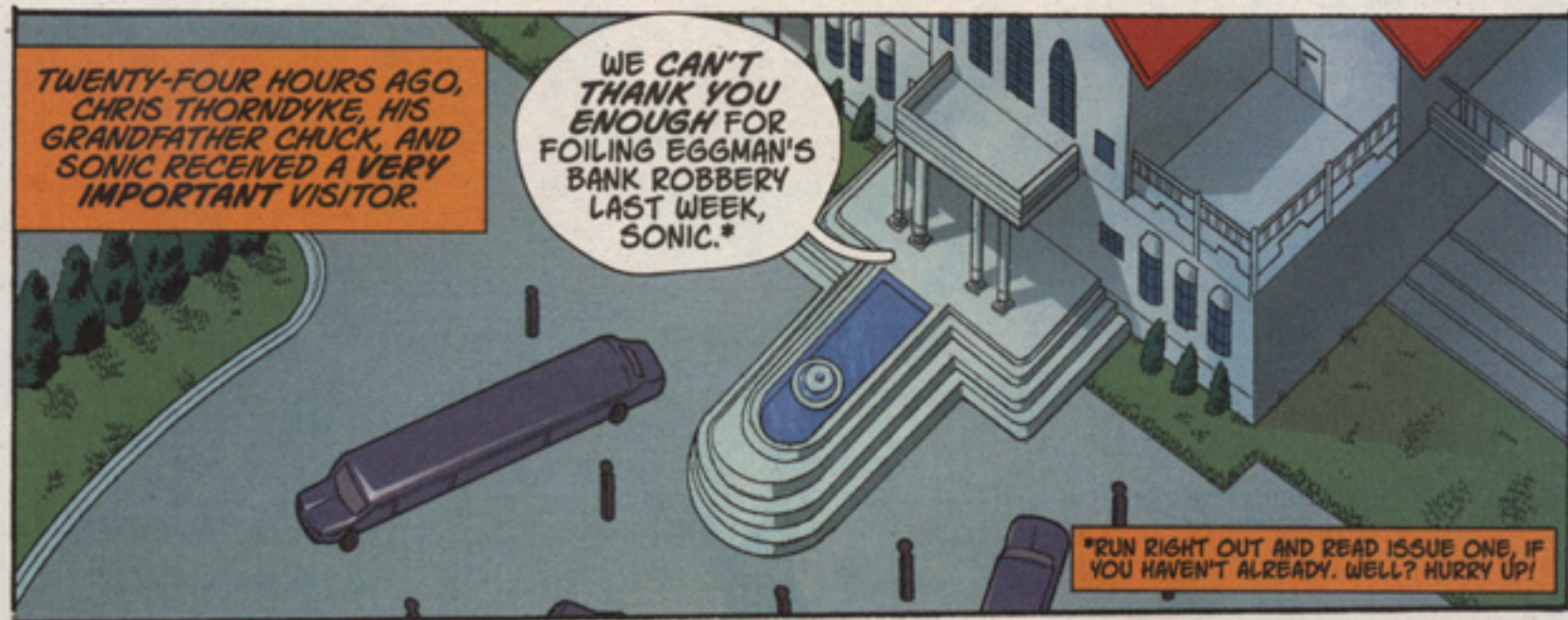
TURN THE PAGE TO TURN BACK THE CLOCK AND FIND OUT THE ANSWER...

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SEE SONIC! SEA BATTLE!
SEE SONIC SEA BATTLE!

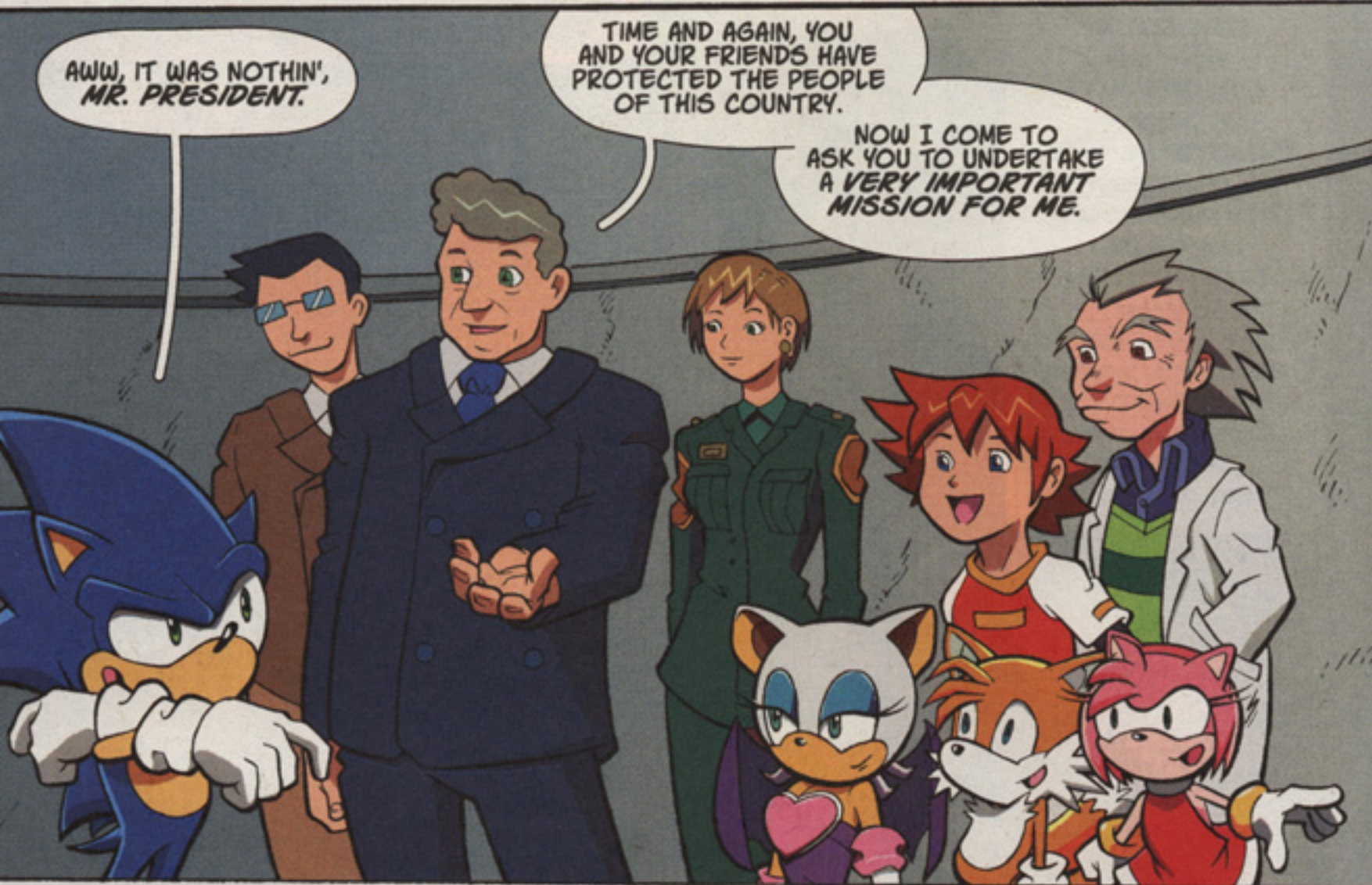
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TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO, CHRIS THORNDYKE, HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK, AND SONIC RECEIVED A VERY IMPORTANT VISITOR.

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR FOILING EGGMAN'S BANK ROBBERY LAST WEEK, SONIC.*

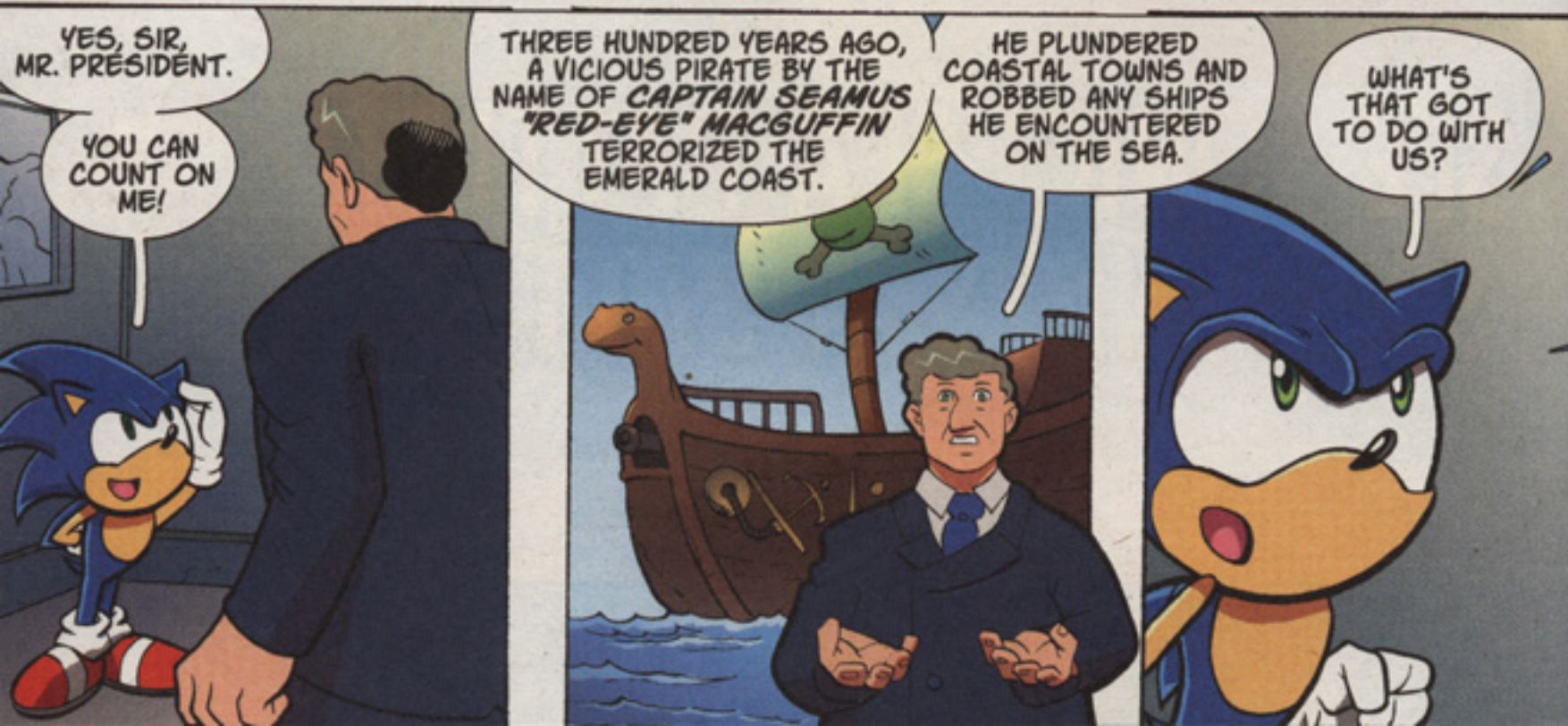
*RUN RIGHT OUT AND READ ISSUE ONE, IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY. WELL? HURRY UP!



AWW, IT WAS NOTHIN', MR. PRESIDENT.

TIME AND AGAIN, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE PROTECTED THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

NOW I COME TO ASK YOU TO UNDERTAKE A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FOR ME.



YES, SIR, MR. PRESIDENT.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, A VICIOUS PIRATE BY THE NAME OF CAPTAIN SEAMUS "RED-EYE" MACGUFFIN TERRORIZED THE EMERALD COAST.

HE PLUNDERED COASTAL TOWNS AND ROBBED ANY SHIPS HE ENCOUNTERED ON THE SEA.

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH US?



GOVERNMENT RESEARCHERS
THINK THEY'VE LOCATED THE SHIP
AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA OFF
THE EMERALD COAST.

I WANT YOU
TO LEAD THE
RECOVERY
TEAM.

WHY
ME?



OUR SENSORS HAVE DETECTED
AN **UNUSUAL ENERGY SIGNATURE**
EMANATING FROM THE WRECK.

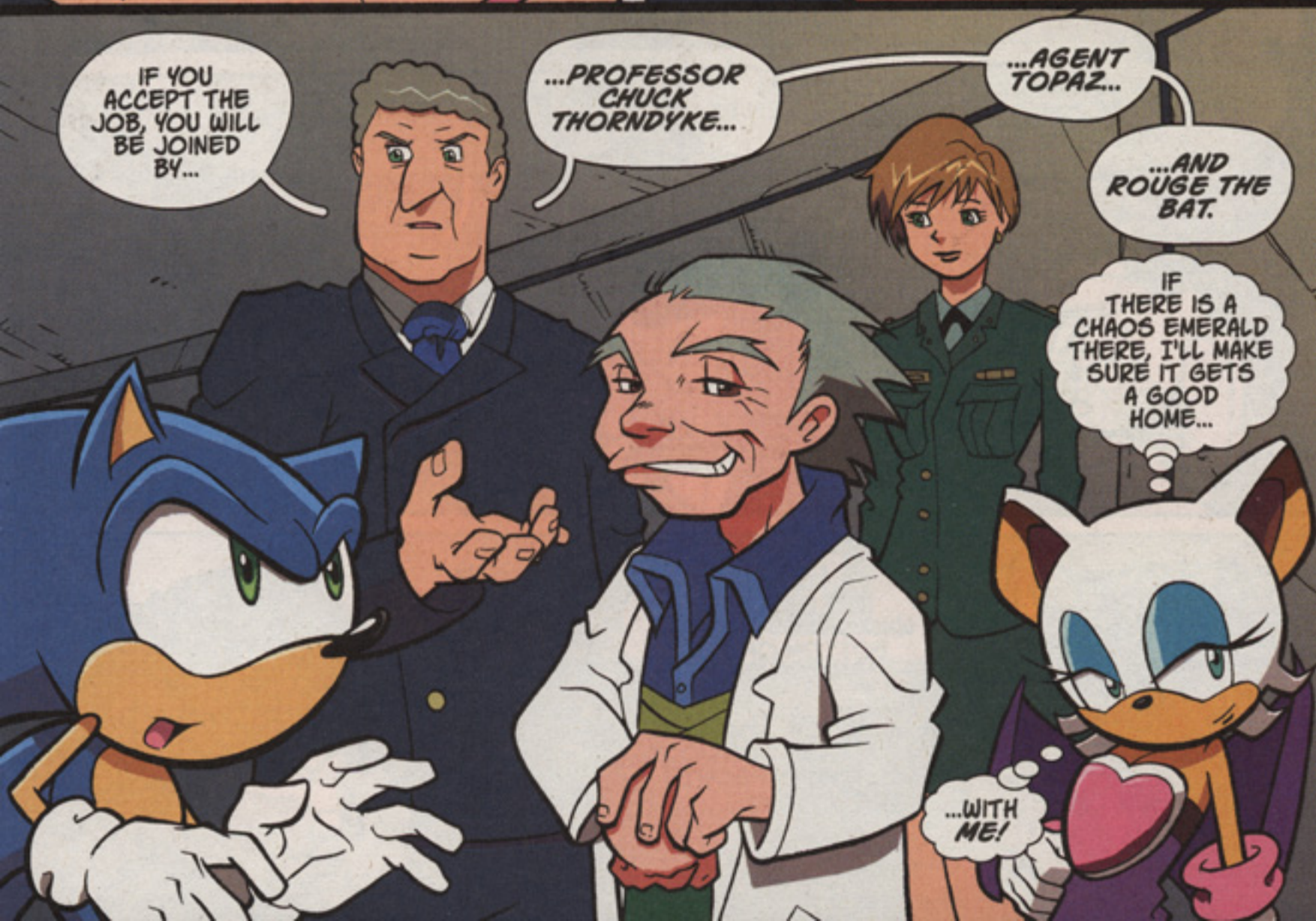
WE THINK
IT MIGHT BE
A **CHAOS**
EMERALD.

!



YOU ARE
THE PLANET'S
LEADING EXPERT
ON CHAOS EMERALDS
WHO ISN'T A
MEGALOMANIACAL
MADMAN.

IF THERE *IS*
A CHAOS EMERALD
DOWN THERE, THEN
THERE'S NO ONE
BETTER TO LEAD THIS
MISSION.



IF YOU
ACCEPT THE
JOB, YOU WILL
BE JOINED
BY...

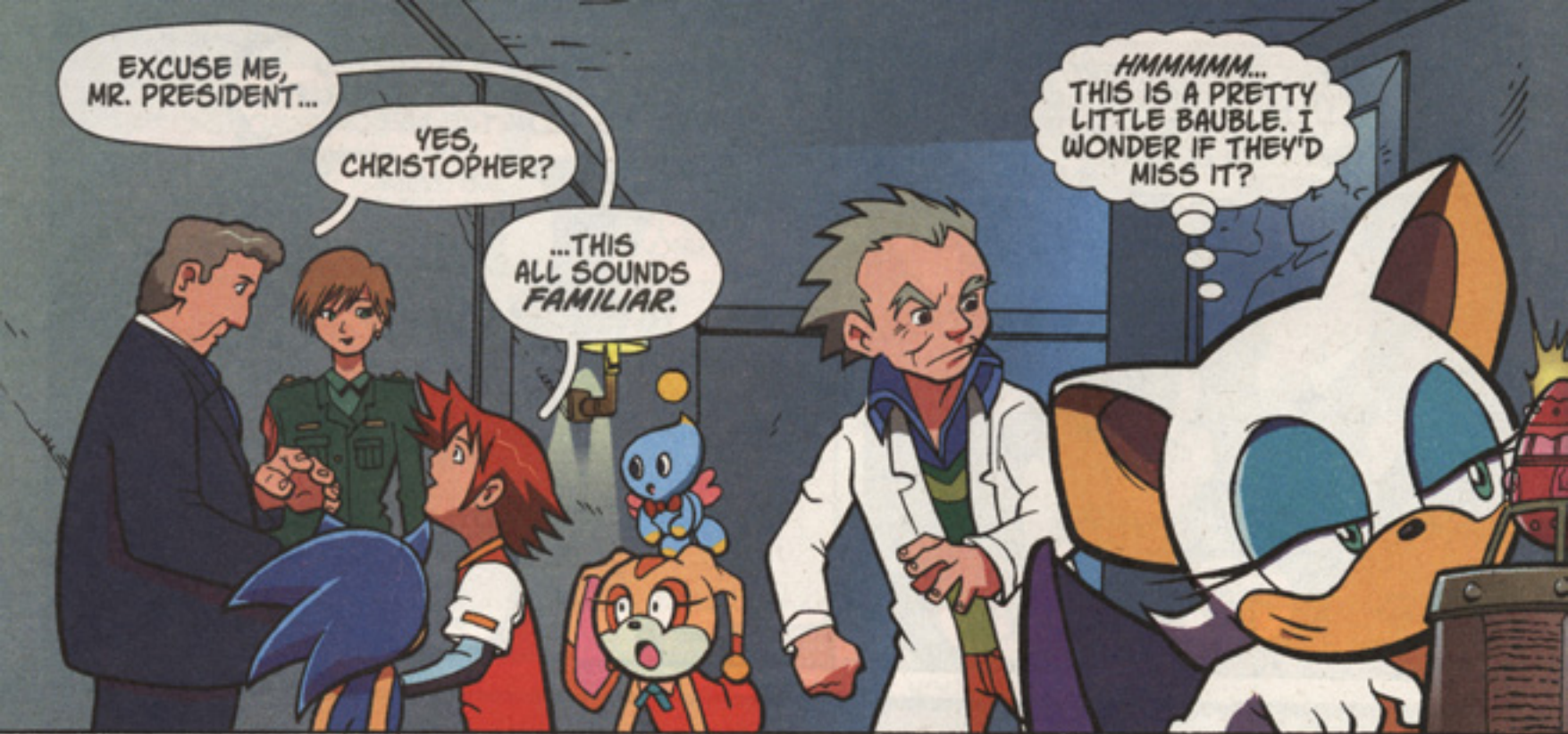
...PROFESSOR
CHUCK
THORNDYKE...

...AGENT
TOPAZ...

...AND
ROUGE THE
BAT.

IF
THERE IS A
CHAOS EMERALD
THERE, I'LL MAKE
SURE IT GETS
A GOOD
HOME...

...WITH
ME!



EXCUSE ME, MR. PRESIDENT...

YES, CHRISTOPHER?

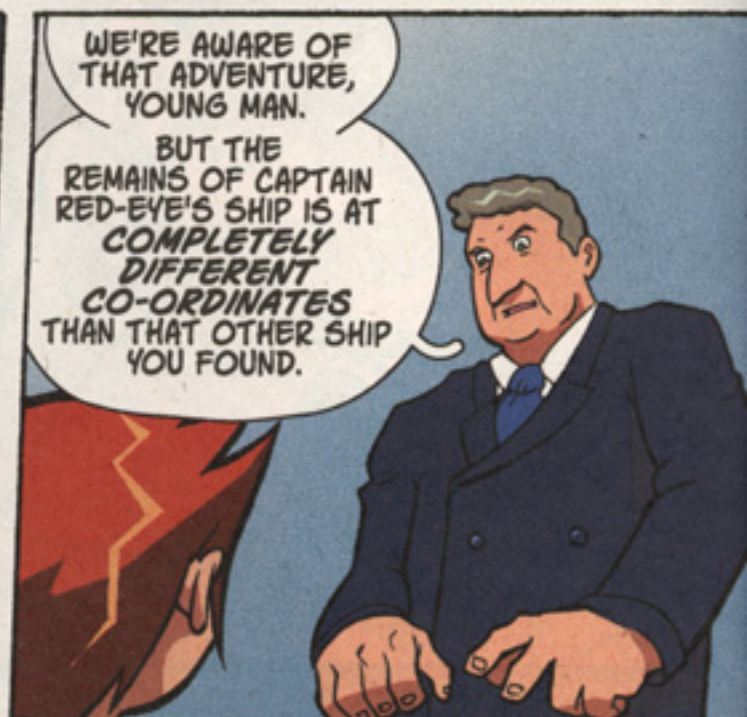
...THIS ALL SOUNDS FAMILIAR.

HMMMMM... THIS IS A PRETTY LITTLE BAUBLE. I WONDER IF THEY'D MISS IT?



WE ONCE TOOK A DAY TRIP TO THE **SAPPHIRE SEA** AND GOT MIXED UP IN AN ADVENTURE WITH A SUNKEN SHIP, A TREASURE CHEST, A CRABBY CRUSTACEAN, AND AN EMERALD.

IS IT POSSIBLE **WE ALREADY FOUND THE SHIP** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?



WE'RE AWARE OF THAT ADVENTURE, YOUNG MAN.

BUT THE REMAINS OF CAPTAIN RED-EYE'S SHIP IS AT **COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CO-ORDINATES** THAN THAT OTHER SHIP YOU FOUND.



IT SEEMS **AWFULLY COINCIDENTAL** THAT TWO SHIPS WITH TWO CHAOS EMERALDS WOULD SINK IN THE SAME SEA.

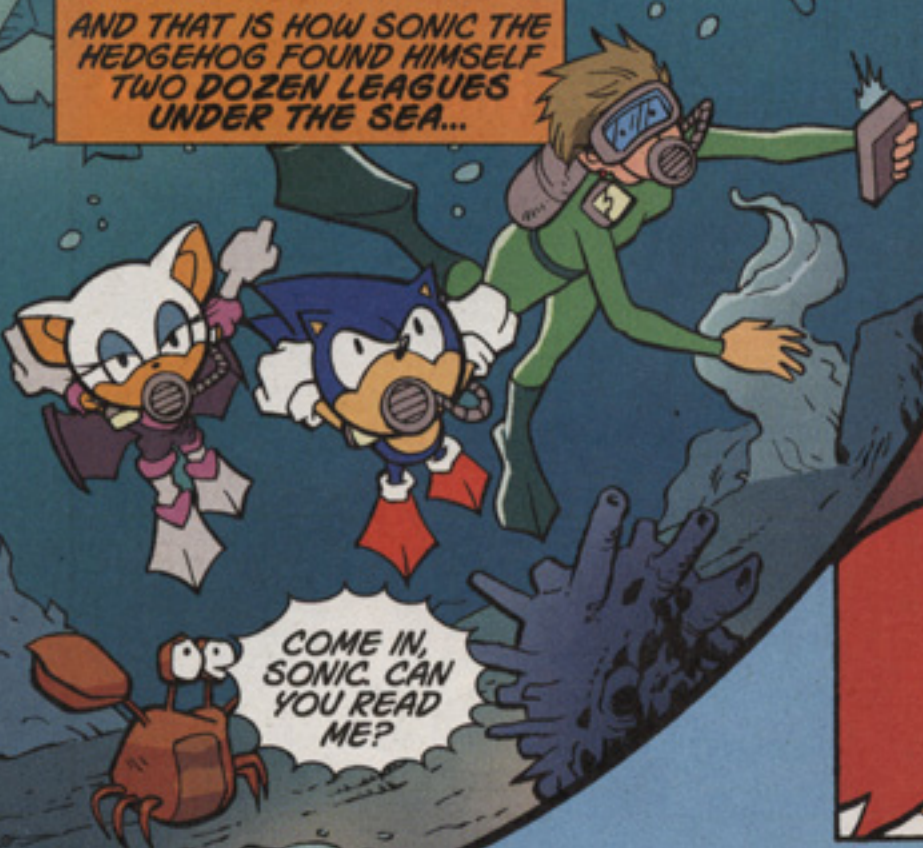
THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT TOO AND IT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY WE NEED **YOU** FOR THIS MISSION.



YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY.

SO WILL YOU DO IT, SONIC?

AND THAT IS HOW SONIC THE HEDGEHOG FOUND HIMSELF TWO DOZEN LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA...



COME IN, SONIC. CAN YOU READ ME?

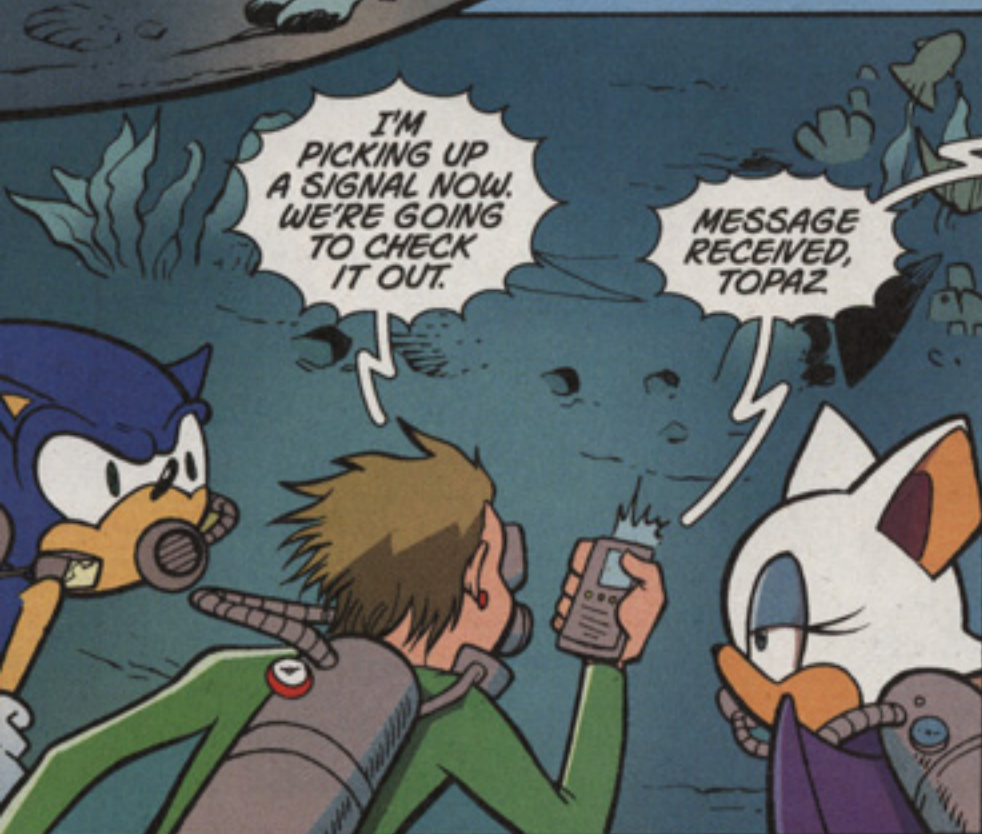
LOUD AND CLEAR, PROFESSOR.



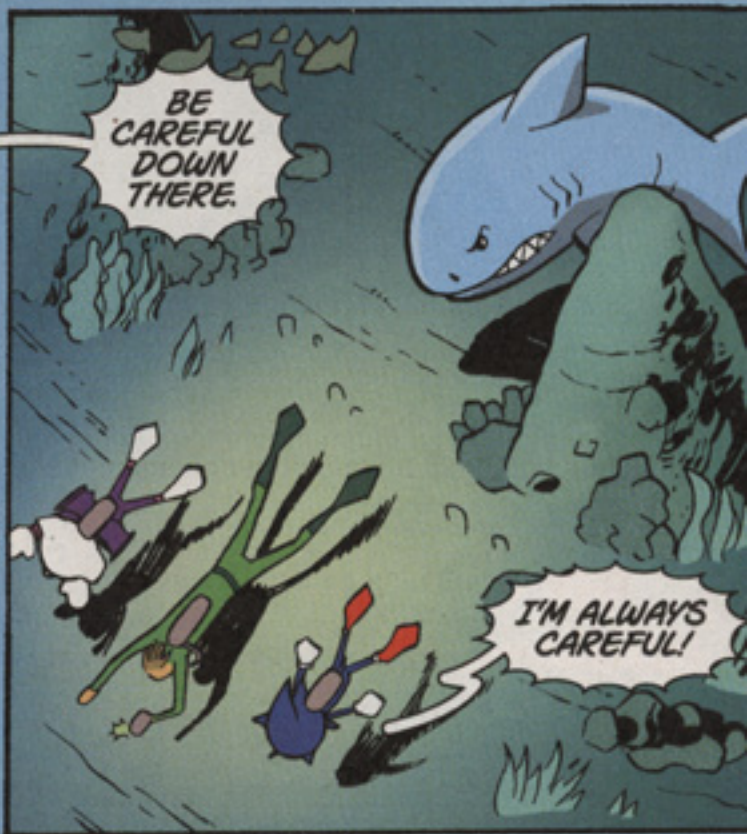
DO YOU SEE ANYTHING YET?

I'M PICKING UP A SIGNAL NOW. WE'RE GOING TO CHECK IT OUT.

MESSAGE RECEIVED, TOPAZ.



BE CAREFUL DOWN THERE.



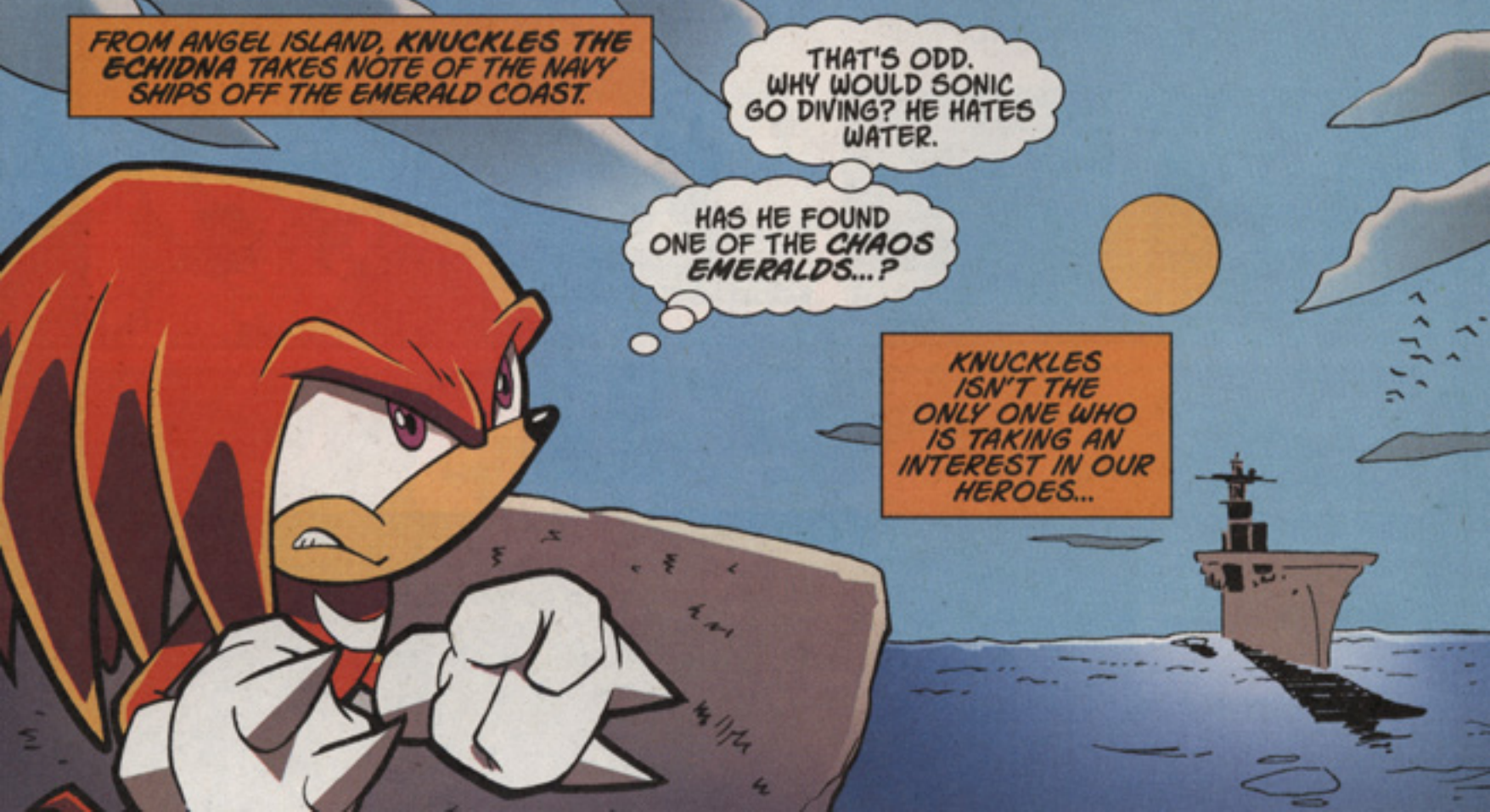
I'M ALWAYS CAREFUL!

FROM ANGEL ISLAND, KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA TAKES NOTE OF THE NAVY SHIPS OFF THE EMERALD COAST.

THAT'S ODD. WHY WOULD SONIC GO DIVING? HE HATES WATER.

HAS HE FOUND ONE OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS...?

KNUCKLES ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO IS TAKING AN INTEREST IN OUR HEROES...



DR. EGGMAN'S
REBUILT
BEACHFRONT
LABORATORY...

DR. EGGMAN,
SONIC HAS DIVED INTO
THE WATER!

EXCELLENT!
THEN HE HAS
FALLEN INTO MY
BRILLIANT
TRAP!

SONIC IS AT
A SIGNIFICANT
DISADVANTAGE
WHEN HE'S UNDER
WATER.

YES! SONIC
IS LIKE A FISH
OUT OF WATER
WHEN IT COMES
TO BEING IN
WATER.

BUT
FISH LIKE
WATER.

OH, SHUT
UP, BOTH OF
YOU!

IT'S TIME TO PUT
THE NEXT PART OF MY
BRILLIANT SCHEME INTO
ACTION AND RID MYSELF OF
THAT PESKY HEDGEHOG
ONCE AND FOR ALL!

DR. EGGMAN,
WHAT ARE THOSE
DEVICES ON THE
WORKBENCH?

JUST THE MOST BRILLIANT
INVENTIONS OF MY
BRILLIANT CAREER.

USING THE
RINGS I PICKED
UP DURING MY BANK
ROBBERY LAST WEEK*

HEE HEE! MINE!
ALL MINE!

*AS RELATED IN LAST
MONTH'S ISSUE.

...I HAVE CREATED AN **ENERGY
SOURCE** THAT WILL MAKE MY
NEWEST ROBOTS MORE
POWERFUL THAN EVER!

THERE'S
GOT TO BE
MORE,
BOCOE.

THERE'S
ALWAYS
MORE,
DECOE.

BUT THERE'S
SO MUCH MORE
TO MY BRILLIANT
PLAN...!

HAHAHAHAHAHA

IF SONIC'S RINGS ARE GOING TO POWER YOUR NEW ROBOTS, WHY DID YOU HAVE US *HIDE TWO* IN THAT *SUNKEN SHIP*, DR. EGGMAN, SIR?

I NEEDED A BRILLIANT WAY TO LURE SONIC INTO MY TRAP.

THANKS TO THE UNUSUAL ENERGY SIGNATURE EMITTED BY THE RINGS, THOSE FOOLS THINK THEY'RE GOING TO FIND A CHAOS EMERALD.

DECOE-- YOU LACK THE BRILLIANCE TO CONCEIVE THE *SUBTLE CUNNING* OF THIS PLAN.

WHAT THEY ARE *REALLY* GOING TO FIND...

...HEE
HEE...

...IS THEIR
DOOM!

AREN'T THEY *BEAUTIFUL*?

WHY DOESN'T HE EVER CALL US BEAUTIFUL?

MY *DRAGONBOTS* WILL DRAW THEIR POWER FROM SONIC'S OWN RINGS!

"DO YOU THINK SONIC CAN SURVIVE WHEN HIS OWN POWER IS TURNED AGAINST HIM?"

WOW!
THAT MUST BE THE
MACGUFFIN.

THE
SIGNAL'S GETTING
STRONGER.

WHICH
MEANS WE'RE
GETTING CLOSER
TO MY NEW
EMERALD!

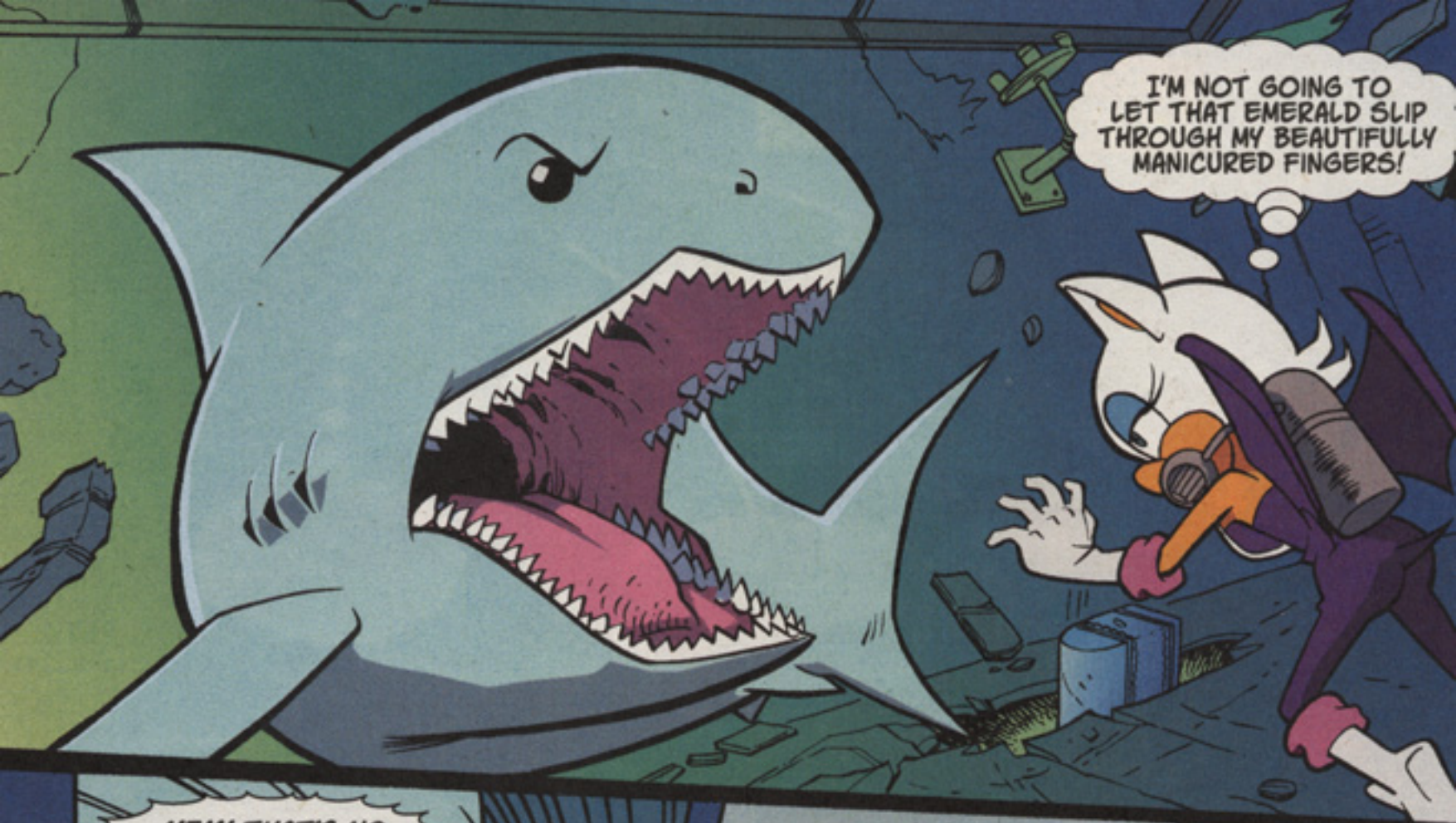
THAT
MUST BE
IT!

STAND
BACK,
KIDS...

...AND LET A
PROFESSIONAL
HANDLE THIS!

ROUGE!
LOOK OUT!

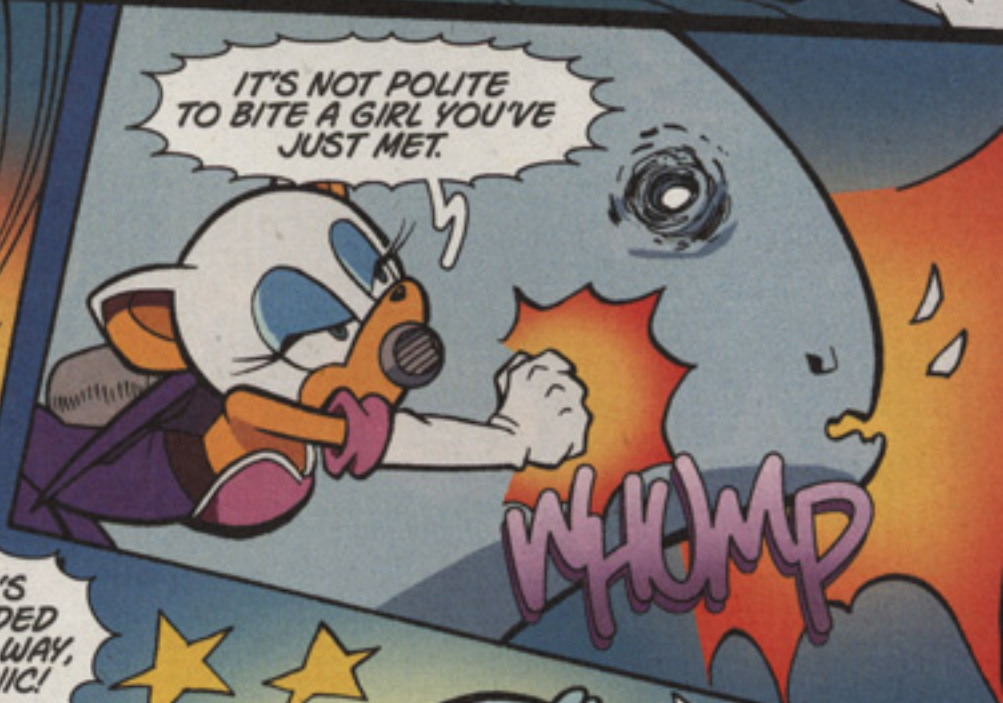
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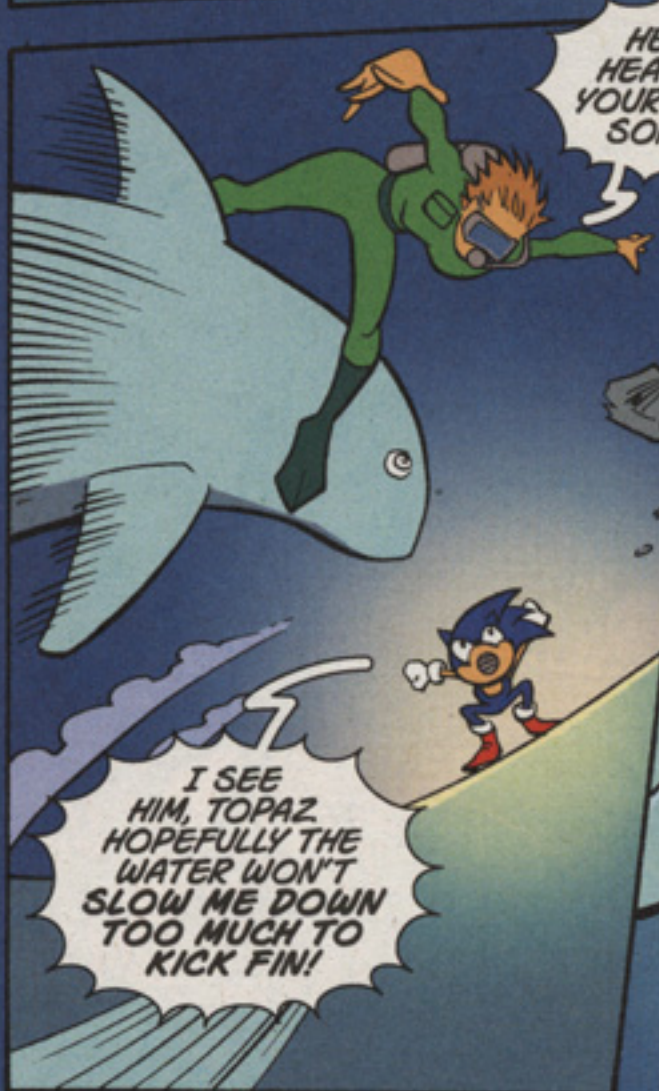
I'M NOT GOING TO LET THAT EMERALD SLIP THROUGH MY BEAUTIFULLY MANICURED FINGERS!



HEY! THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY, BABYCAKES!

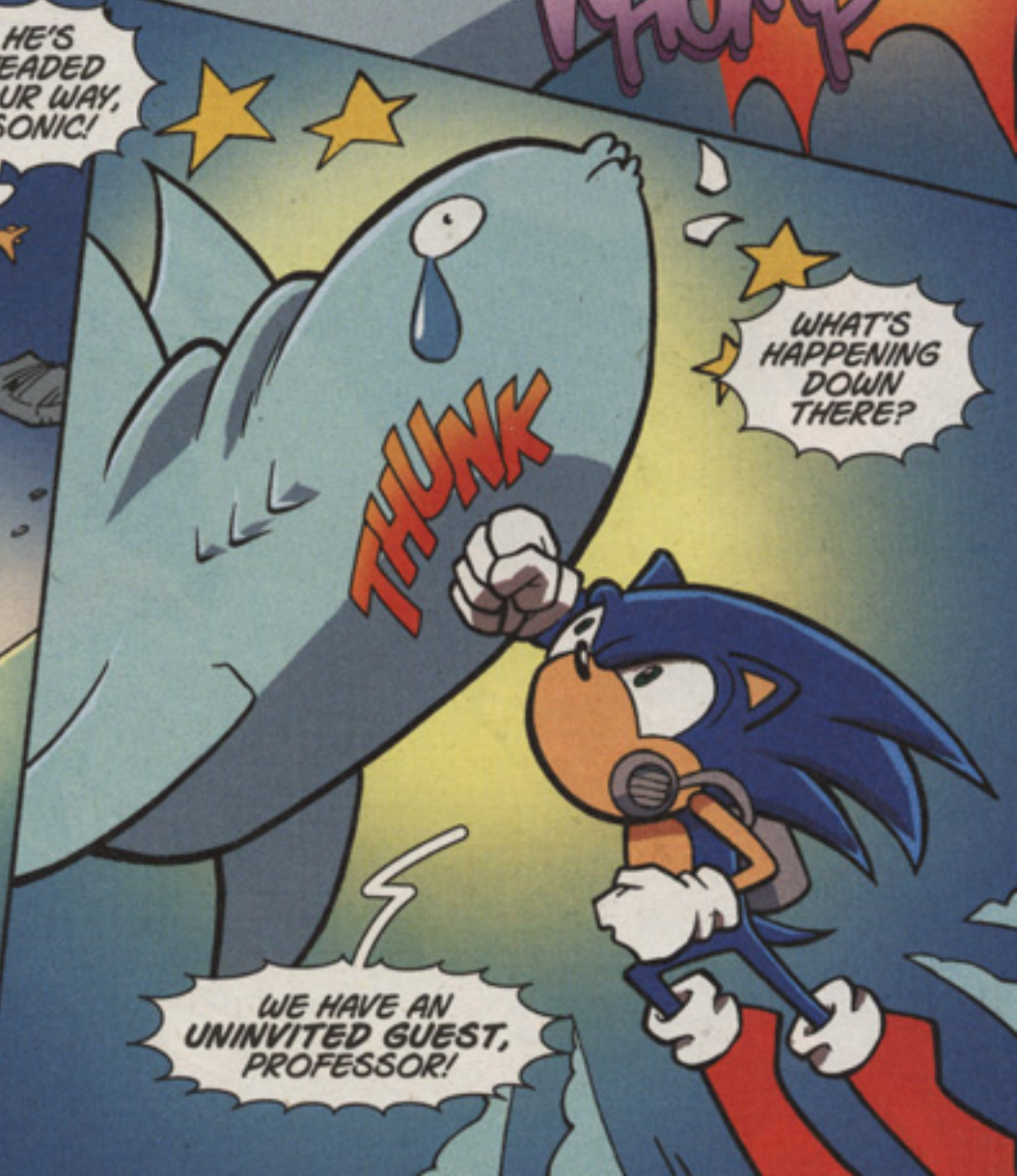


IT'S NOT POLITE TO BITE A GIRL YOU'VE JUST MET.



HE'S HEADED YOUR WAY, SONIC!

I SEE HIM, TOPAZ. HOPEFULLY THE WATER WON'T SLOW ME DOWN TOO MUCH TO KICK FIN!



WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THERE?

WE HAVE AN UNINVITED GUEST, PROFESSOR!

ABOVE...

COULD IT
BE THE GHOST
OF CAPTAIN
RED-EYE?

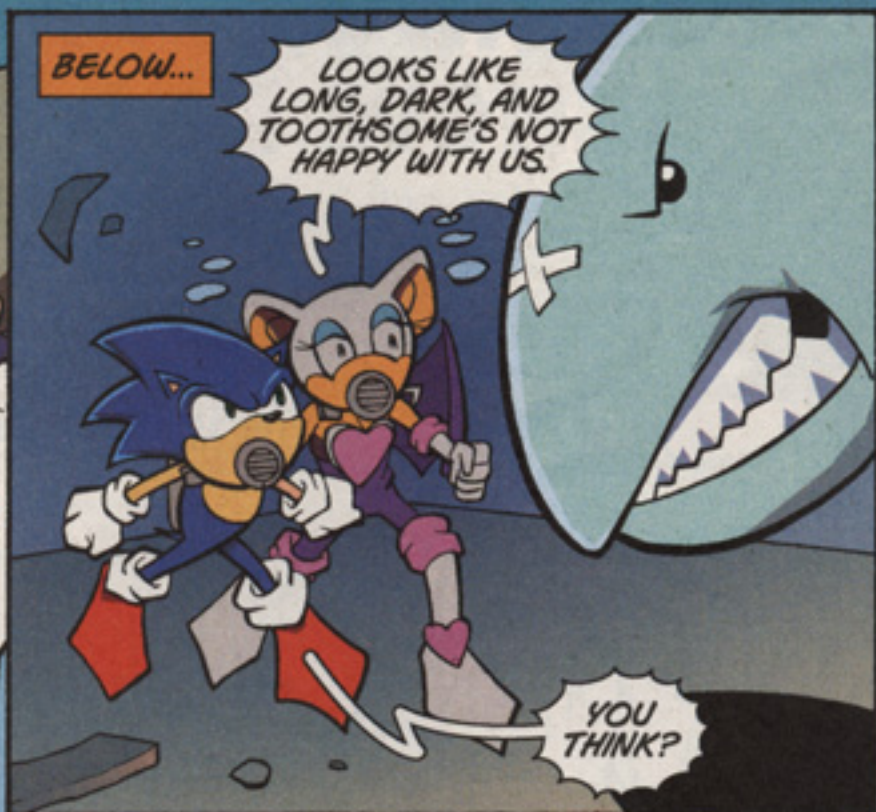


IT'S POSSIBLE.
WE'VE CERTAINLY
SEEN **STRANGER**
THINGS!



BELOW...

LOOKS LIKE
LONG, DARK, AND
TOOTHY'S NOT
HAPPY WITH US.



YOU
THINK?

I'VE
GOT TO DO
SOMETHING
TO HELP
THEM!

BUT I
DON'T HAVE ANY
WEAPONS...



WHERE DID THAT
CANDELABRUM
COME FROM?



IT DOESN'T
MATTER...

...I JUST
HOPE THIS
WORKS!



BACK AT THE
MACGUFFIN...

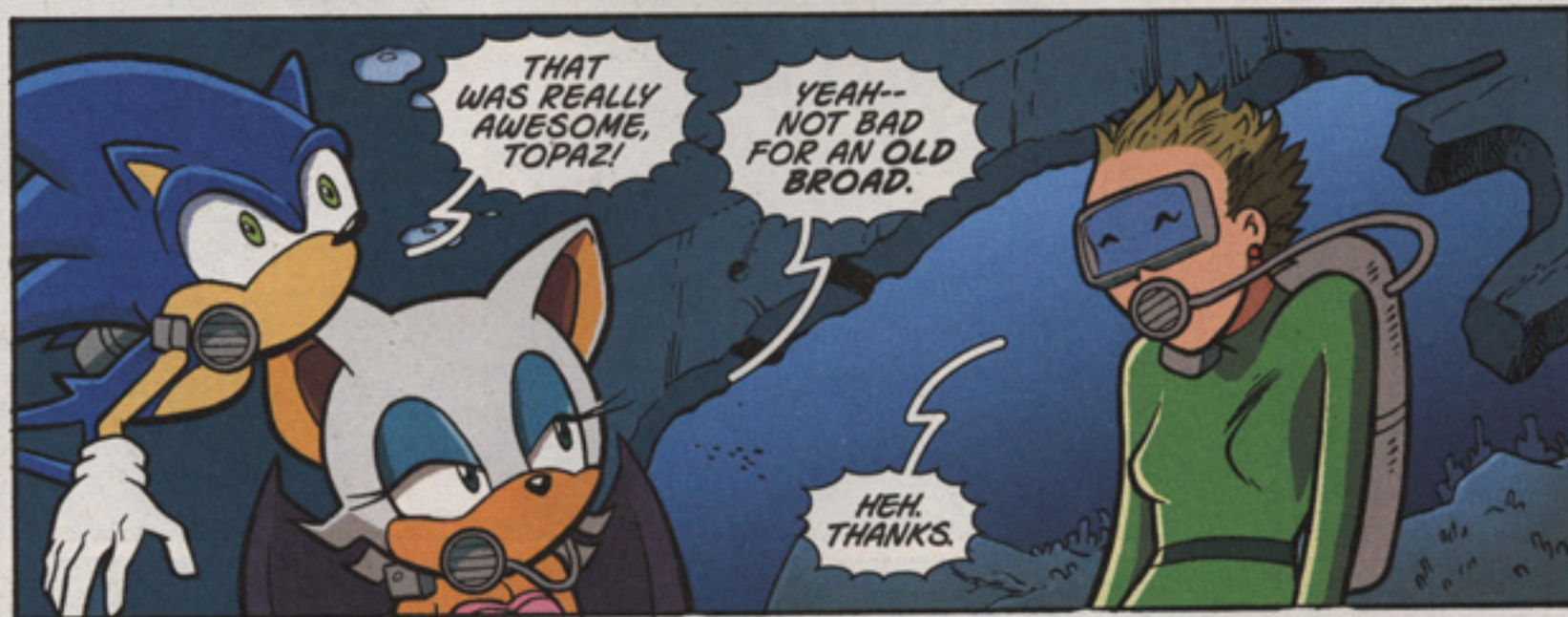
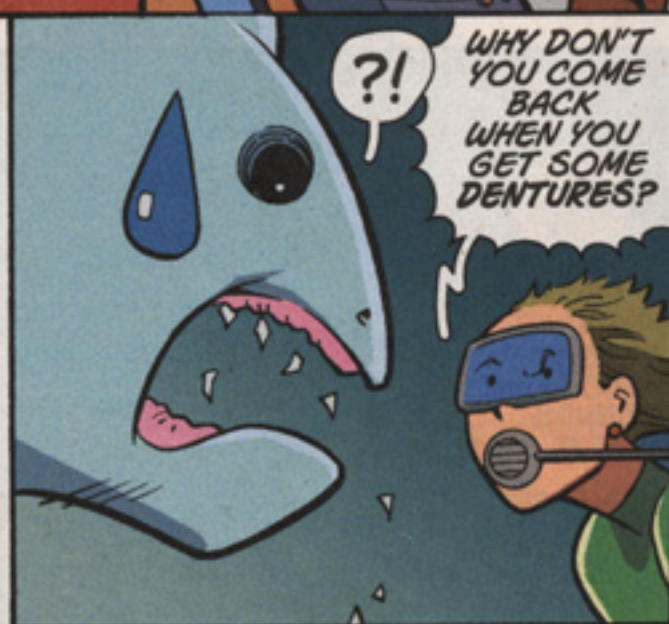
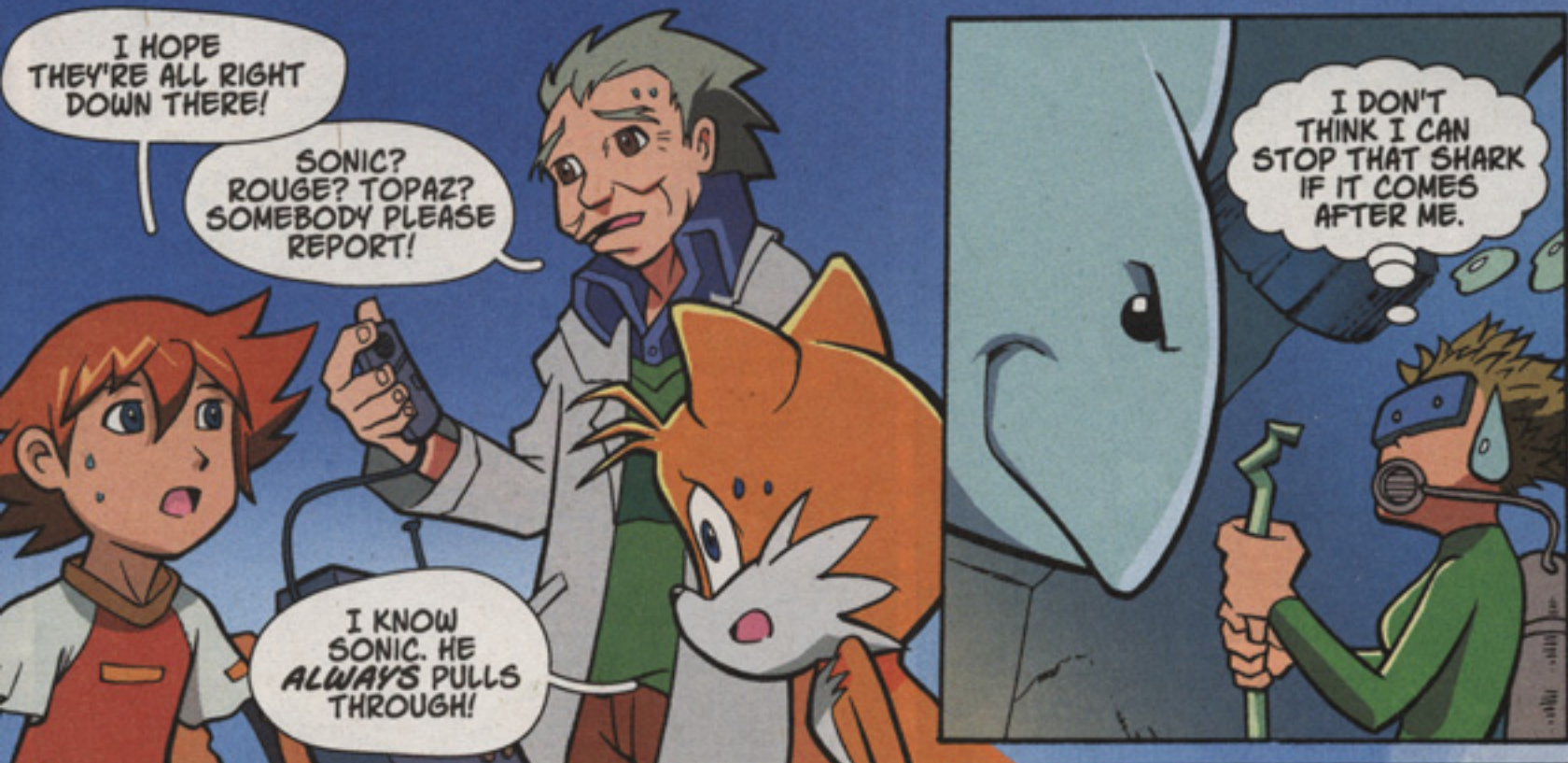
MAYBE I
CAN USE THIS
CANDELABRUM TO
SAVE ROUGE AND
SONIC!

ARE YOU
GUYS ALL RIGHT?
SOMEBODY PLEASE
REPORT!

OH OH....

?

CLANK





THE TREASURE CHEST
FELL THROUGH THIS HOLE
WHEN THE SHARK ATTACKED.



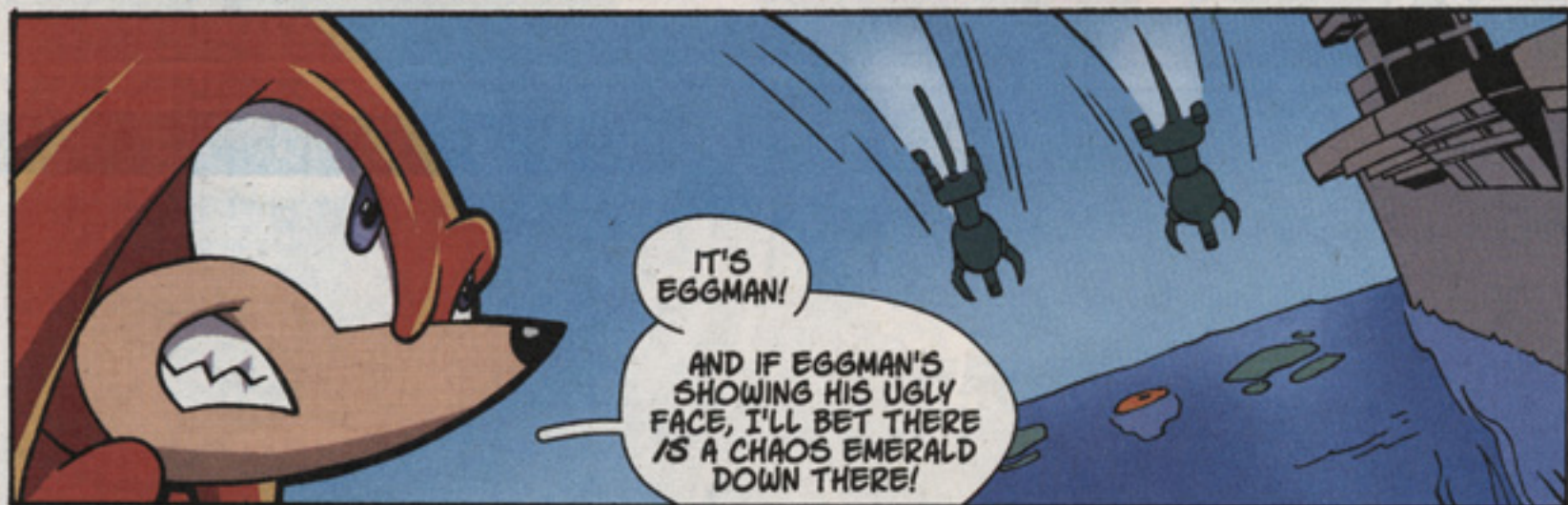
BACK
ON ANGEL
ISLAND...

NOW
WHAT?



NOW, MY
PRETTIES,
DIVE!

DIVE DOWN AND
MAKE *MINCEMEAT*
OF THAT HEDGEHOG AND
HIS LITTLE FRIENDS
TOO! HEE HEE!



IT'S
EGGMAN!

AND IF EGGMAN'S
SHOWING HIS UGLY
FACE, I'LL BET THERE
IS A CHAOS EMERALD
DOWN THERE!

НАНАНАНАНАНАНАНАНА



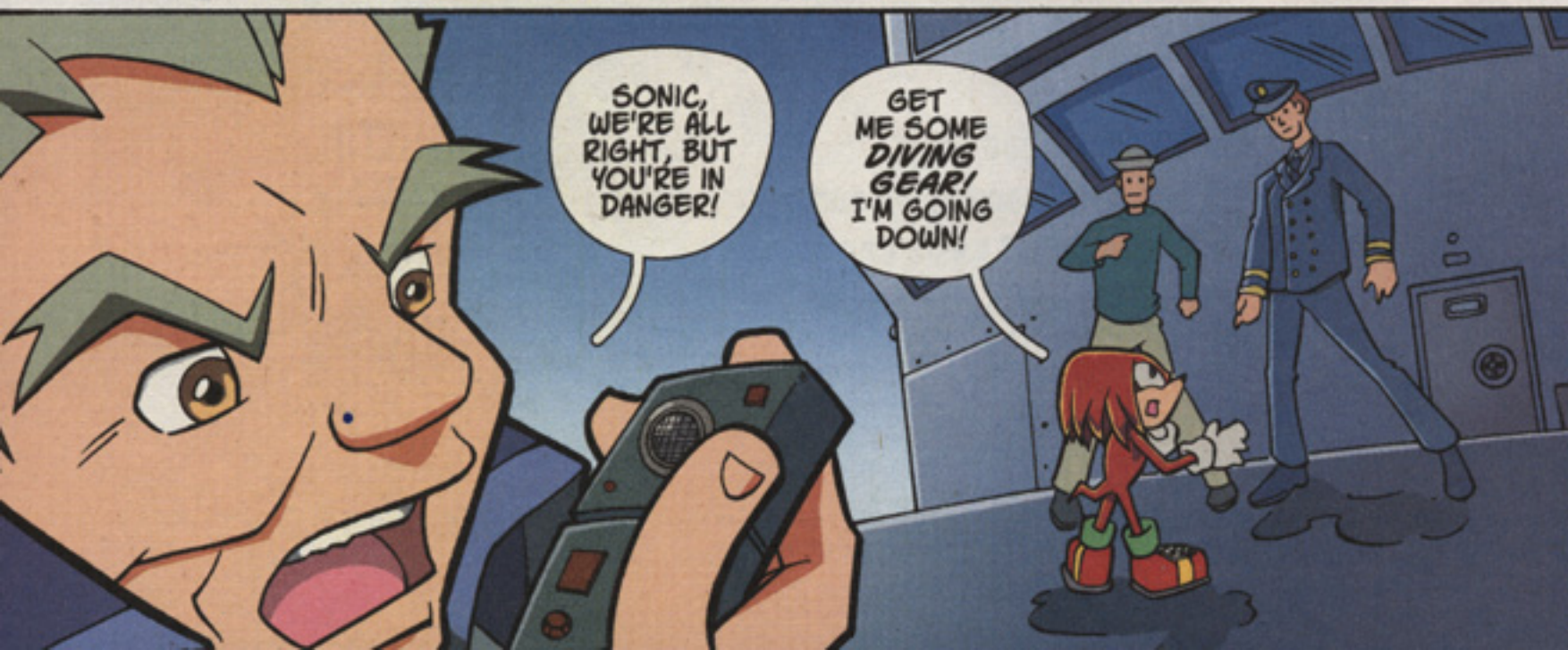
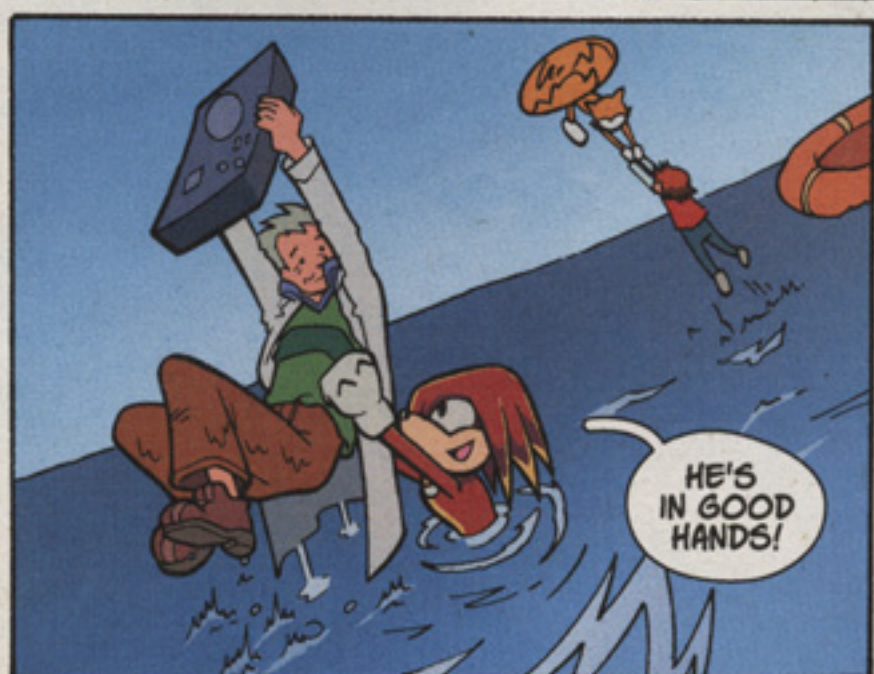
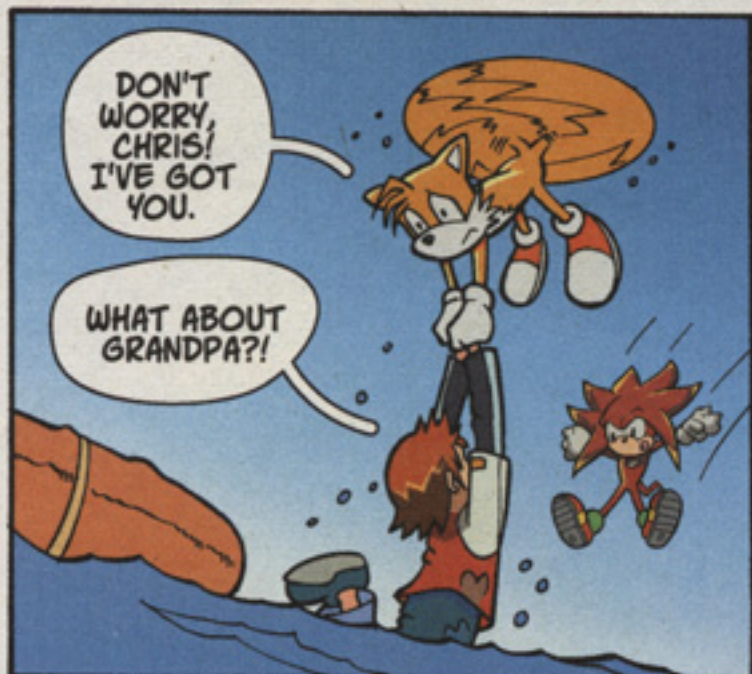
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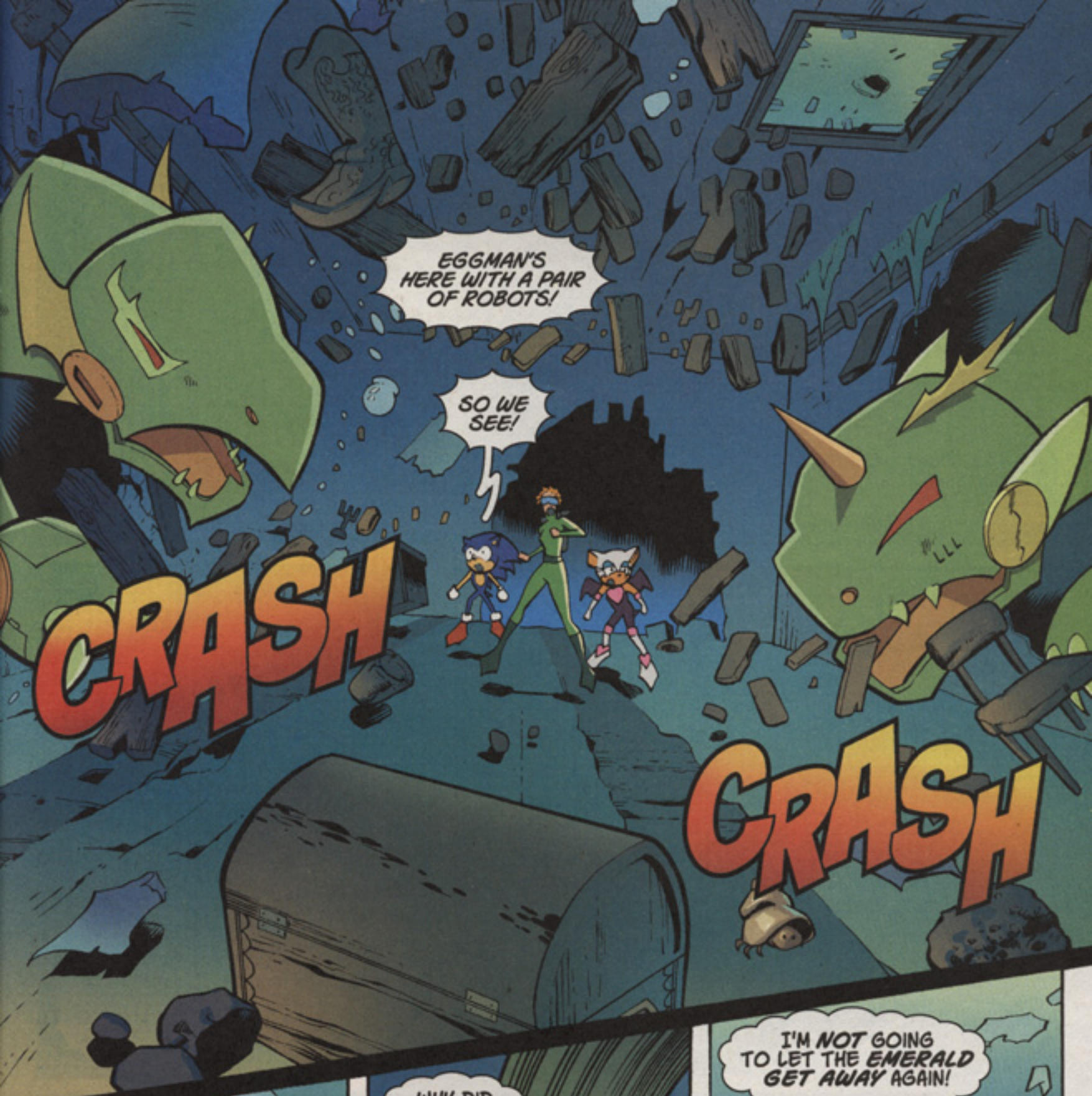


LOOKS LIKE SONIC'S GONNA NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET!

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EGGMAN'S
HERE WITH A PAIR
OF ROBOTS!

SO WE
SEE!

CRASH

CRASH



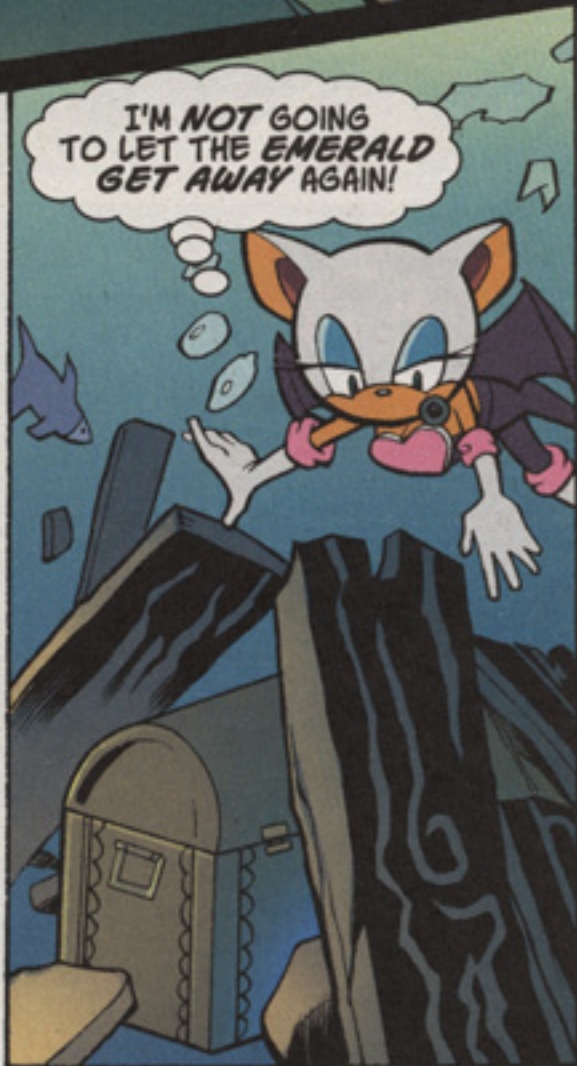
WHAT'S LEFT
OF THIS CANDELABRUM
ISN'T GOING TO STOP
THAT THING!



WHY DID
I AGREE TO
THIS?

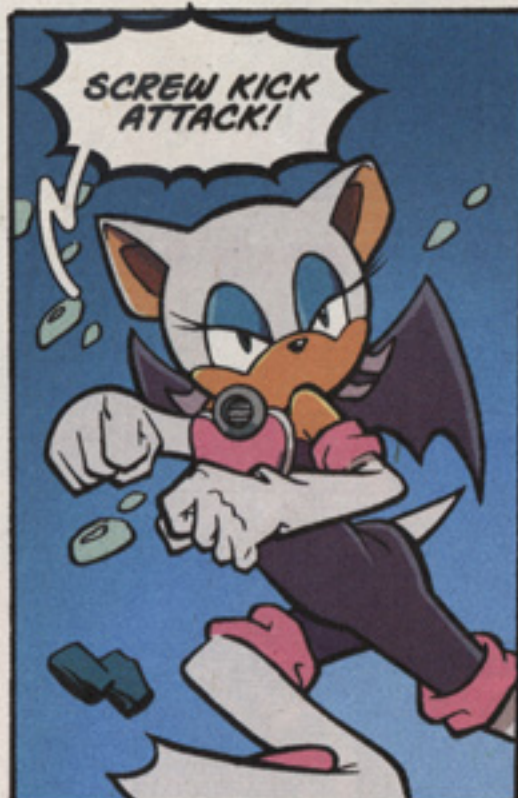
I NEVER
HAVE ANY FUN
WHEN WATER'S
INVOLVED!

THUNK



I'M NOT GOING
TO LET THE EMERALD
GET AWAY AGAIN!





SCREW KICK
ATTACK!



OH NO! I CAN'T SPIN
FAST ENOUGH UNDER
WATER TO USE
MY SCREW KICK
ATTACK.



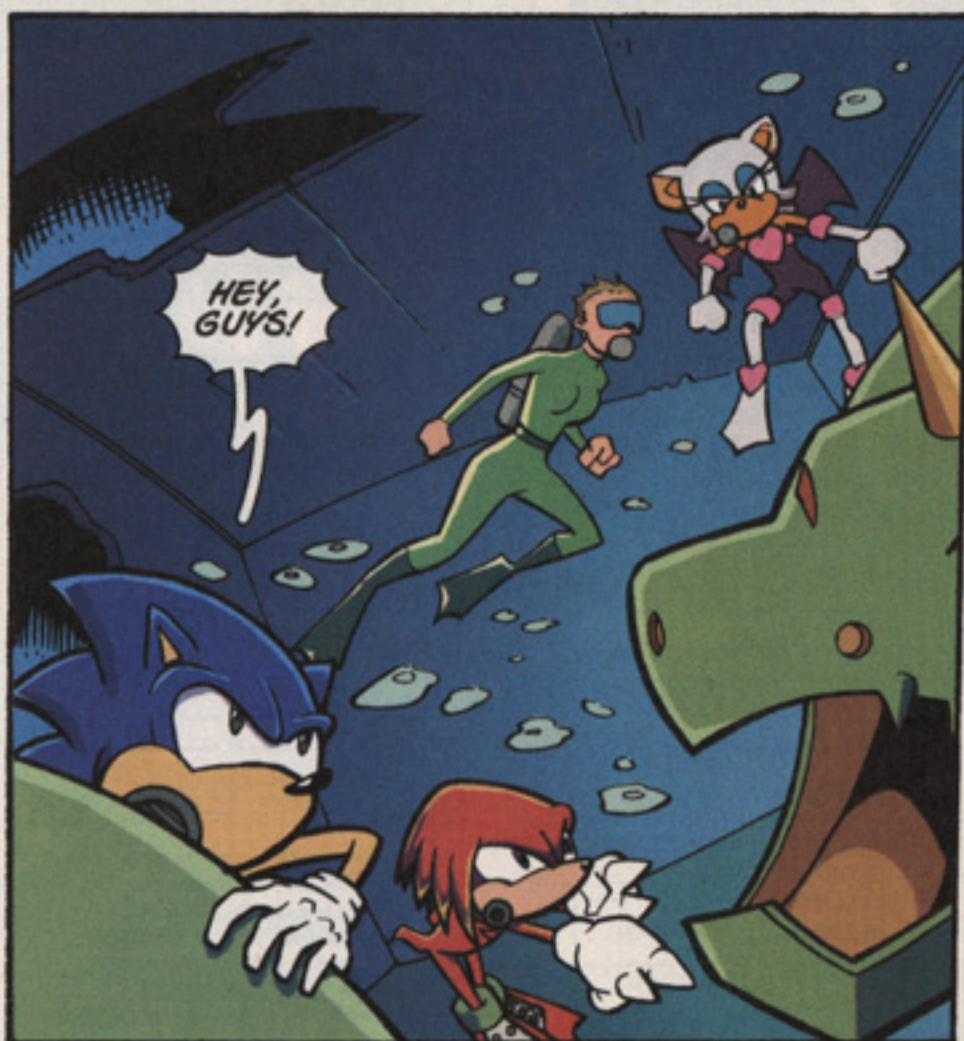
"JOIN THE
NAVY AND SEE
THE WORLD..."

...I NEVER
IMAGINED THAT
INCLUDED
THE INSIDE
OF A ROBOT'S
STOMACH!



I CAN SEE
WHAT ROUGE FINDS
APPEALING ABOUT
KNUCKLES.

IF HE WERE
HUMAN, I'D BE
ATTRACTED
TO HIM!



HEY,
GUYS!



I COULD
USE A LITTLE
HELP HERE.

ARRRRRR!
AND HELP YE
SHALL HAVE,
MATEY!

KNUCKLES, ROUGE, AND
TOPAZ MAY BE DISTRACTED
BY PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN,
BUT SONIC'S RESCUE IS AT
HAND!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT
MANNER OF *BEASTIES*
THESE BE, BUT LET'S SEE
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TAKE
THIS THING WHATSIT OUT!

?

THE ROBOT'S
STOPPED MOVING,
BUT WHAT'S THAT
THING FLOATING
OVER THERE?

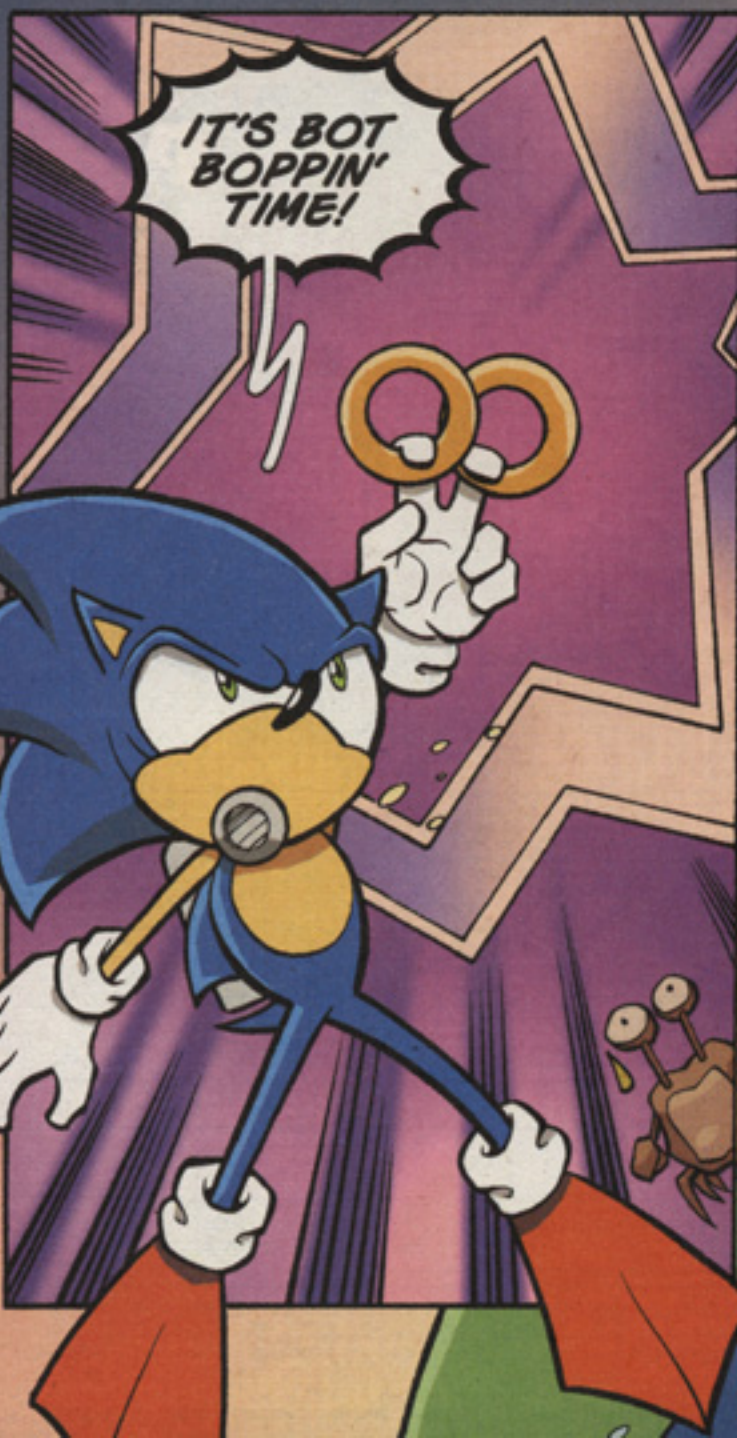
LOOKS
LIKE SONIC
GOT FREE!

EXCELLENT!
MAYBE IF WE ALL
WORK TOGETHER,
WE CAN TAKE THIS
THING DOWN!

BAM

THUNK

WHACK



EVEN WATER CAN'T SLOW SONIC DOWN WHEN HE'S IN SUPER SPIN MODE.

BUT CAN THE COMBINED POWER OF OUR HEROES STOP THE ROBOT?



YAY,
SONIC!

BLASTED
BLUE-FURRED
BRAT!

HARRRUMPH!
LET'S BLOW THIS
POP STAND!

EGGMAN'S
GETTING
AWAY!

AT LEAST
WE GOT THE
TREASURE
CHEST!

I JUST
WANT TO
GET OUT
OF THE
WATER!

LATER...

SO
THERE
WAS NO
EMERALD.
IT WAS JUST
A TRICK TO
LURE US
HERE.

WHAT A
RIP-OFF!
YOU JUST
CAN'T
TRUST
MEN!

HOW
DID YOU BEAT
THE ROBOT
UNDER WATER,
SONIC?

I
CAN'T HELP
FEELING I
HAD HELP,
TAILS.

MAYBE IT
WAS THE
GHOST OF
CAPTAIN
RED-EYE.

AYE! THAT
BE THE MOST
FUN I'VE HAD SINCE
I CROSSED THE
GRAND LINE!

YOU HAVEN'T
SEEN THE LAST OF
ME, SONIC!

THE KOMODO
DRAGONS FAILED, BUT
THE NEXT ANIMALS TO
PILOT MY BOTS WILL BE
THE MOST VICIOUS
PLANET EARTH HAS
TO OFFER...

...AND YOU
WON'T BE ABLE
TO STOP THEM
WITHOUT HURTING
YOUR PRECIOUS
FRIENDS!

HAHAHA
HAHA

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